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C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 10436

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBILITY OF AN IRON ORE OPEC

1. COHLMAYER, PRESIDENT OF ORINOCO MINING COMPANY, SUBSIDIARY OF US STEEL, AND RYAN, A VICE PRESIDENT OF US STEEL, TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF WORLD IRON ORE PRODUCERS WILL BE HELD IN GENEVA AROUND NOVEMBER 5. VENEZUELA AS USUAL WILL BE THE LEADER IN AGITATING THE FORMATION OF AN IRON ORE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION SIMILAR IN CONCEPT TO OPEC.

2. MY US STEEL OFFICIALS SAID THAT AT SUCH A MEETING THE "SWING" GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE THOSE OF SWEDEN AND BRAZIL. SWEDEN, THEY SAID, IF TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SWEDISH-LIBERIAN IRON ORE RESOURCES, CONTROLS 40 MILLION TONS OF PRODUCTION A YEAR. BRAZIL PROBABLY CONTROLS BETWEEN 20 AND 30 MILLION TONS FOR EXPORT. AS IS KNOWN, VENEZUELAN CURRENT IRON ORE PRODUCTION IS SOME 25 MILLION TONS FOR EXPORT WHILE AUSTRALIA MAY CONTROL 20 MILLION TONS BUT ITS IMPACT IS LESSENED BY REMOTE DISTANCE FROM MARKETS. CANADA IS POTENTIALLY AN IMPORTANT FUTURE MEMBER

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OF SUCH AN OPEC-TYPE ORGANIZATION BUT BECAUSE OF ITS INTIMATE

ASSOCIATION WITH US DOMESTIC MARKET MAY NOT PROVE TOO INTERESTED  
IN CREATION OF OPEC-TYPE ORGANIZATION.

3. IN SUM, THE US STEEL OFFICIALS FELT THAT ATTITUDE OF  
GOVERNMENTS IN STOCKHOLM AND BRASILIA WOULD BE DECISIVE.  
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